Welcome to your April 2017 mailing.

Area meeting clerks have received the same material to help you discuss it with them if needed. Please send any feedback or queries to Gaby Scott: gabys@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1045.

NB: The next monthly mailing, for **May 2017**, will be sent out on 25 April 2017.

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**Listings and magazine**

- **Books of the Month April 2017** from the Quaker Centre Bookshop.
- **Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre: Upcoming events and courses April 2017**
  Please display this courses and events listing. Booking details are given on the listing.
- **Among Friends Issue 138, Spring 2017** This issue focuses on Europe, its institutions and past, present and future challenges.
- **Friends World News 184** Issue includes: Hold to God’s Unchanging Hand, Governance Changes, Building a sustainable future for FWCC, Good Ecumenical Partners.

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**Reminders**

**Friends House Family Day**
10.30am–4.00pm, 2 June 2017, Friends House, London

This free event is a great opportunity for children, with an accompanying adult, to visit Friends House and learn more about the work that goes on here. The day will include stories, talks, activities and worship. Come as a meeting excursion or a family day out and hear about Quaker peace and social justice work, visit the Library and the Quaker Centre with its bookshop and worship space.

To book go to www.quaker.org.uk/events/family-day or contact cypadmin@quaker.org.uk or 020 7663 1013.

**Take action on fracking at meeting for worship for witness on Pendle Hill**
2pm, 6 May, Pendle Hill, Lancashire

Pendle Hill Friends invite you to a meeting for worship for witness on top of Pendle Hill to draw attention to the threat of local shale gas fracking.

For more information go to www.quaker.org.uk/fracking
We suggest that some of the following items are read out as notices. Please pass enclosures to relevant members of your meeting or add to your noticeboard or newsletter where possible.

**Safeguarding**

1. **Safeguarding – am I a verifier?**

Verifiers confirm they have seen ID documents for people applying for criminal record checks. All area and local meeting clerks, co-clerks and assistant clerks are listed as verifiers (for the period of their appointment). Additional verifiers can also be appointed by meetings. Please check that you have sent us your meeting’s latest clerking/verifier appointments. We will add these to the verifier list which is sent, at the end of each month, to CAS who process our DBS forms and each appointee is included as a verifier from the start of the following month.

If you have not already provided this information as part of the end-of-year updates, please send information about your clerking appointments (role, dates of service) to: updates@quaker.org.uk and please also cc your Area Meeting Safeguarding Co-ordinator.

For further information: gills@quaker.org.uk or safe@quaker.org.uk

**Wardenship**

2. **Wardens Talking events 2017**

*See accompanying flyer for details of regional events*

Quaker Life is holding three Wardens Talking regional events in 2017. These events create a space for wardens to come together and learn from each other and share their experience. These gatherings are an invaluable source of support for wardens whether voluntary or paid.

wardenship@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1143

**Grants**

3. **Adult education grants**

Grants are available for Quaker members and attenders continuing their education as mature students within the post-compulsory education sector, including vocational, further or higher education or continuing professional development. The grants are particularly aimed at those studying to equip themselves to serve society and/or Quakers in Britain. Applicants should be in need of financial support to take the course and the course should be offered at a reputable institution within the UK.

Please see the grant-making page of the Quakers in Britain website www.quaker.org.uk/adult-education-grants
Children and young people

4. Young Quakers and social media
The Children and Young People’s Team of BYM want to hear from Quaker young people about their engagement with social media, and about what they would like from a social media presence for young Quakers. We want Quakers aged 13–18 to get involved through our online survey, using the link: surveymonkey.co.uk/r/yqsocialmedia
If you have any questions, or want paper copies of the survey, please contact Jethro Jeorrett on: cypintern@quaker.org.uk.

Community

5. Christian Aid Week
14–20 May 2017
Quakers are founding members of Christian Aid and have supported its work for 60 years. Please continue to support them, especially during Christian Aid Week.
caweek.org

Many thanks to the Friends from Luton & Leighton Area Meeting who help to collate this mailing.